

REMARKS

Claims 4, and 8-12 are pending in the application. Claims 3 and 5-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The subject matter from claim 5-7 has been incorporated into new claims 10-12. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claim 9 and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 4, and 8-12.

Claim Rejections

Claims 3-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 3 and 5-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection with respect to these claims moot. Some of the subject matter from claims 5-7 has been incorporated into new claims 10-12. Regarding claims 4, 8, and 10-12 applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome.

Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to conform to proper U.S. method claim format. In addition, applicants respectfully submit that new claims 10-12 are written in proper U.S. method claim format. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims. As these revisions were not made to overcome art rejections, they should not be construed as limiting.

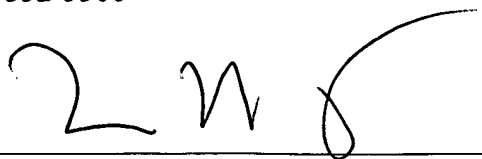
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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